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**Certificat d'Études Politiques**  
**Attestation d'Études Politiques**  
**Programme en anglais – Semester 2**

## **SYLLABI**

### **French History 1 and 2**

Prof. Pierre REMOND

Credits: 6 ECTS

The class will focus on the making of contemporary France from a political, social, cultural and faith-based perspective. It will embrace such key notions as the birth and development of absolutism and the eradication of popular culture, the building of the State through the 1789, 1830 and 1848 revolutions, the advent of and the opposition to the Republic. The class will also take into account themes such as education, roots, principles and implications of secularism, resistance to collaboration with the Nazis during WW2, the role and status of intellectuals from the Dreyfus affair to the latest petitions, the fifth Republic from 1958 until today.

It will be based on the works of such historians as R. Muchembled, F. Lebrun, M. Agulhon, R. Rémond, P. Rosanvallon, P. Birnbaum, J.C. Martin, M. Winock... Classes will consist of a lecture and a slide show composed of various documents (paintings, pictures, cartoons, songs, videos...), and students will naturally be able (and expected) to ask questions and participate as much as they wish.

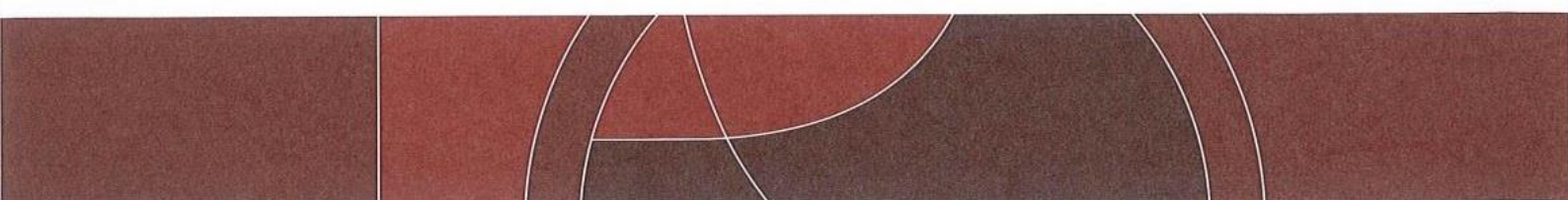
## **Migration(s)**

Prof. Lucille Hagege

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Credits : 3 ECTS

**Synopsis:** Human migration is the movement of people from one place to another with the intention of settling, permanently or temporarily, at a new location. The movement can occur internationally or internally, can involve individuals, households or entire peoples, and, whether defined as invasion, conquest, colonization, forced displacement or emigration/immigration, is often the result of complex sets of push/pull factors. In recent years, migration governance has become closely associated with state sovereignty. Because migration directly affects some of the defining elements of a nation-state, governments retain the power of deciding on the entry and stay of non-nationals and the issue has increasingly played a divisive role in national politics. In this class, our goal will be to interrogate this complex phenomenon from a cultural angle, focusing mainly on the emergence on anti-immigration rhetoric and the rise of populism. We will ask ourselves why, when migration is often associated with positive economic growth, it is often falsely perceived as threatening to national cultures.



## Contemporary Elections and Electoral Geography in Central Eastern Europe

Prof. Michal Pink, Ph.D.

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Credits: 3 ECTS

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** To analyze elections and electoral systems in selected countries through lectures and discussion. The course focuses mainly on the Central European countries and includes the most recent developments as well as a discussion on the specifics of electoral geography and elections in general in Post-Communist Countries. Apart from country specific information, each lecture also introduces at least one theoretical concept related to the topic, such as phantom borders or second-order elections.

**COURSE MATERIALS:** All assigned readings either are available online or will be provided from the lecturer by email.

**TEACHING:** Up to the actual situation course is available off line or on-line via zoom:

**EVALUATIONS:** A written test at the end of the course based on the literature and lectures, two large open question associated with topic of the course.

### 1. National Elections in Czech Republic: A Homogeneous, but Split Country

Readings:

Voda, Petr and Pink, Michal. Explanation of spatial differentiation of electoral results in the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, Los Angeles: University of California. Elsevier Ltd., 2015, n. 4, pp. 301-316. ISSN 0967-067X. doi:10.1016/j.postcomstud.2015.09.002.

Pink, Michal and Sax, Ondřej and Smolková, Andrea. Electoral Support for the Czech Green Party in Relation to Post-Materialism, 2006–2013. *CEPSR*, Brno: IIPS, 2017, vol. 19, n. 3-4, pp. 243-263. ISSN 1212-7817. doi:10.5817/CEPSR.2017.34.243.

### 2. Czech Presidential and Senatorial Elections: Phantom Borders and a Majoritarian System

Readings:

Hejtmánek, Jan and Pink, Michal. Basic Spatial Patterns of Electoral Support in the 2013 Czech Presidential Election. *European Electoral Studies*, Brno: 2015, vol. 9, n. 2, pp. 84 - 99. ISSN 1801-6545.

Šimon, Martin. Measuring phantom borders: the case of Czech/Czechoslovakian electoral geography. *Erdkunde*, 2015. Vol. 69 · No. 2 · 139 –150.

Eibl, Otto and Pink, Michal. Senatorial elections: The majority model in the Czech Republic.

*Representation*. London: Routledge - Taylor and Francis group, 2013, Vol. 49, N. 2, s. 169 - 187. ISSN 1749-4001.

### **3. Poland: A History of State Building and Today's Electoral Layout**

Readings:

Zarycki, Tomasz. The Electoral Geography of Poland: Between stable spatial structures and their changing interpretations. *Erdkunde*, 2015. Vol. 69 · No. 2 · 107 - 124.

Jańczak, Jarosław. Phantom Borders and Electoral Behavior in Poland historical legacies, political culture and their influence on contemporary politics. *Erdkunde*, 2015. Vol. 69 · No. 2 · 125 - 137.

### **4. Slovakian National Elections: An Ethnical or Urban/Rural Cleavage**

Readings:

Voda, Petr and Pink, Michal. Explanation of spatial differentiation of electoral results in the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, Los Angeles: University of California. Elsevier Ltd., 2015, n. 4, pp. 301-316. ISSN 0967-067X. doi:10.1016/j.postcomstud.2015.09.002.

### **5. Electoral Competition in Germany – Heritage of the Past**

Readings:

Baars, Roger and Schlottmann, Antje. Spatial Multidimensionalities in the politics of regions: Constituting the phantom regions of central Germany. *Erdkunde*, 2015. Vol. 69 · No. 2 · 175 – 186.

### **6. Romania and Shadows of the Past**

Readings:

Henry Rammenlt. Shadows of the past: common effects of communism or different pre-communist legacies? An analysis of discrepancies in social mobilization throughout Romanian regions. *Erdkunde*, 2015. Vol. 69 · No. 2 · 151 – 160.

### **7. Ukraine – Country at the Historical Periphery**

Reading:

Dobysch, M., & Yatsenko, B. (2020). Borders, Constituency Politics, and “Our Man” Voting in Electoral Geography of Ukraine. *Belgeo*, 2. <https://doi.org/10.4000/belgeo.38851>

### **8. Urban Electoral Geography – Prague, Warsaw, Bratislava, and others**

Reading:

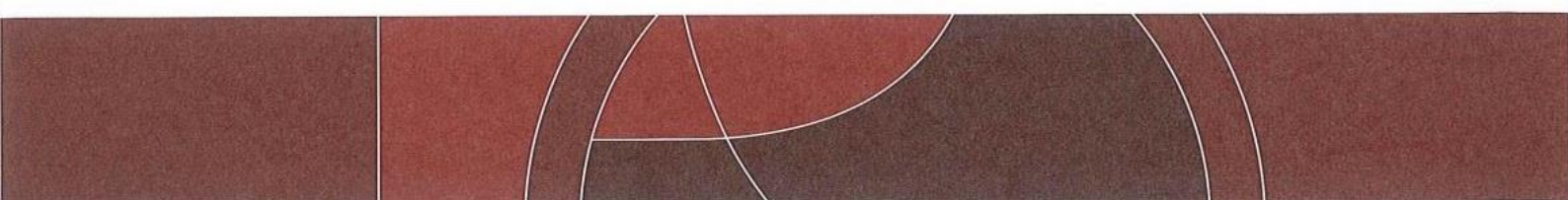
Kerekes, D. (2020). The City as an Onion? Case Studies of Electoral Geography in Prague and Warsaw. *Sociológia-Slovak Sociological Review*, 52(3), 245-272.

<https://doi.org/10.31577/sociologia.2020.52.3.11>

**Michal Pink, Ph.D.** Departement of Political Sciences and International Institute of Political Sciences of Masaryk University, Associate Professor, Researcher

Since 2016 he has been a member of a team trying to understand more about the behaviour of voters in the urban environment. To that end, he repeatedly organizes an exit poll survey in Brno and its surroundings. He passes on his knowledge both to students at FSS MU and to colleagues at conferences and in the pages of scholarly journals. Given his long-standing interest in French politics, he has often visited partner universities in the “land of the Gallic rooster”.

Main Interest: Czech Politics, Electoral Geography, French Politics, Multi-level electoral competition, Politics and Elites, Exit poll.



## **Modern Russian Political Thought: from Perestroïka to Present Days**

Prof. Timur ATNASHEV  
Credits: 6 ECTS

The course is designed to provide a historical overview of the evolution of the Russian political thought of the late-Soviet and contemporary period based on the selected key texts, public debates and a series of 20+ interviews with the leading figures in the field during 2020-2022. Focusing on the transformation of the language and major stakes for political philosophy during this dramatic 30 years of Russian history we will also outline major ideological trends (marxists, conservative, anarchists, liberal, nationalist, imperialist, libertarian, feminist etc.) and provide an original framework for analysing positions of the leading thinkers and specialists. A wider goal of the course is to invite students to reconsider underlying social conditions and changing functions of political philosophy as a genre of public speech in Modern societies. This will include questions of the normative validity of its basic claims in the posmethaphisal context, the question of the cultural transfers and cultural "defence", the relationship between philosophy, public spheres and political leaders, the place and validity of the classical canon and others. The course does not require a specific knowledge of Russian languages, Russian or Soviet history, although both will certainly help students to better grasp the vocabulary and key stakes of modern Russian political thought.



## Cities and Regions in Europe

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester – 2022  
Credits: 6 ECTS

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### Abstract:

During the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, European political institutions, territories and societies have known dramatic changes. European states have been confronted to multiple pressures through economic globalization, European integration and the growing claims for autonomy from regional and local political communities. As a result of decentralization reforms, europeanization and, more generally, the increasing globalization of the overall economic context, the central administrative Western states have partially lost their monopoly on political initiative. The growing role and influence of cities and regions in the public policy making and implementation is one of the most striking consequences of the double process of decentralization and globalization. On the one hand, central governments have put local institutions in competition pushing them to attract capital and population. On the other hand, central governments have developed mechanisms of recentralization in order to maintain national integration and struggled against regionalisms and territorial fragmentation. All these processes have challenged the narratives of the Nation state that appear nowadays as myth. At the contrary, local institutions like Cities and Regions have gained new legitimacy and developed stronger capacities to take decisions, implement policies, regulate markets and even develop international relations and networks on very diverse domains. Indirectly, but significantly, these developments serve to reinforce both the capacity and the growing legitimacy of the actions taken by cities and regions in Europe.

During this course students will be provided with an understanding of territorial politics in Europe, new regionalism, urban strategies and development and subnational paradiplomacy. Students will have to follow 10 sessions on the changing territorial organization of States, regionalisms, Europeanization, sustainable cities, smart cities, political economy of cities, informal cities... Course methodology encourages shared learning through structured debates and discussions while reading the fundamental literature in political science, sociology and geography on public policies, European studies, multilevel governance and urban sociology.

## Program 2022

**Session 1: Cities and Regions in Europe: Powers, governance, territories** (Thomas Aguilera) – 5 January 2021

**Session 2: Regionalism and Territorial Politics in Europe** (Romain Pasquier) – 12 January 2021

Group presentation: « **The Catalan crisis : the end of the State of autonomies?** »

Readings :

- Keating Michael, « Thirty years of Territorial Politics », *West European Politics*, 31 (1-2), 2008, p. 60-81.
- Rokkan Stein, Urwin Derek, *Economy, Territory, Identity. Politics of West European Peripheries*, London, Sage, 1983.
- Special issue Catalonia, *Policy and Practice*, november 2019,
- <https://rsaiconnect.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/17577802/2019/11/5>

**Session 3: Regions and the EU Cohesion Policy** (Romain Pasquier) – 19 January 2021

Group presentation: « **The governance of the EU cohesion policy : is there a local and regional empowerment ?** »

Readings :

- Cole, Alistair, et Romain Pasquier. « The impact of European integration on centre/periphery relations. A comparison France/United-Kingdom », *Politique européenne*, vol. 36, no. 1, 2012, pp. 160-182.
- Hooghe Liesbet, ed., *Cohesion policy and European integration: building multi-level governance*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Wallace Helen Wallace William eds, *Policy-making in the European Union*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2000

**Session 4: - Regions, Paradiplomacy and Multilevel Governance in the EU** (Romain Pasquier)– 26 January 2021

Group presentation : «**Why local and regional actors develop international strategies?**»

Readings :

- Lachapelle Guy, Paquin Stéphane, eds, *Mastering Globalization. New Sub-States' governance and strategies*, London Routledge, 2005. <https://www.stephanepaquin.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Mastering.pdf>
- Andrew Hyde Fitzgerald, “Understanding Paradiplomacy: An Analysis of Subnational Diplomatic Activity in Brazil, Belgium, and the United States”, 2017, <https://ipr.blogs.ie.edu/files/2019/06/Understanding-Paradiplomacy-An-Analysis-of-Subnational-Diplomatic-Activity-in-Brazil-Belgium-and-the-United-States.pdf>
- <https://cpmr.org/fr/>

#### Session 4: **Cities and Capitalism** (Thomas Aguilera) – 2 February 2021

Group presentation: **Are Urban policies only driven by economic interests and Finance in Europe?**

Readings :

- Guironnet A., K. Attuyer, L. Halbert (2015), « Building Cities on Financial Assets : The Financialisation of Property Markets and its implications for City Governments in the Paris City-Region », *Urban Studies*.
- Lorrain, D. (2005). « Urban capitalisms. European models in competition », *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 29(2), p. 231-267.
- Pinson G. & C. Morel-Journel (2016), « Beyond Neoliberal Imposition: State–Local Cooperation and the Blending of Social and Economic Objectives in French Urban Development Corporations? », *Territory, Politics, Governance*, DOI: 10.1080/21622671.2016.1153512

#### Session 5 : **The Tourist City: Conflicts and Regulation** (Thomas Aguilera) – 9 February 2021

Group presentation : « **The effects of tourism on cities and urban governance in Europe** »

Readings :

- Cocola-Gant A., & A. Galo, (2019) « Airbnb, buy-to-let investment and tourism-driven displacement : A case study in Lisbon », *Environmental Planning A*, 1-18.
- Füller H. & B. Michel (2014), « 'Stop Being a Tourist !' New Dynamics of Urban Tourism in Berlin-Kreuzberg », *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 38(4) : 1304-18.
- Gonzalez S. (2010), « Bilbao and Barcelona 'in Motion'. How Urban Regeneration Models travel and mutate in the Global Flows of Policy Tourism », *Urban Studies*, 48(7) : 1397-1418.
- Maitland, R. (2008), « Conviviality and everyday life : the appeal of new areas in London for visitors », in *International Journal of Tourism Research*, 10 : 15-25.

#### Session 6 : **The sustainable City: a multilevel governance analysis** (Anne-Marie Thirion) – 23 February 2021

Group presentation: « **The green city: a bottom-up or top-down political approach?** »

Readings :

- United Nations, *Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development: Our Common Future*, 1987, Oxford University Press.
- Rees, William. (1997), "Is 'sustainable city' an oxymoron?", *Local Environment*, Vol 2, n°3, 1997, p. 303-310.
- Emelianoff, Cyria. « La ville durable : l'hypothèse d'un tournant urbanistique en Europe », *L'Information géographique*, vol. 71, no. 3, 2007, p. 48-65.



**Session 7: *Smart cities versus Ecocities: New urban strategies* (Anne-Marie Thirion) – 2 March 2021**

Group presentation: « *Bedzed or Masdar versus Vauban: more common or different strategic features?* »

Readings :

- Meijer, A., & Bolívar, M. P. R., "Governing the smart city: a review of the literature on smart urban governance", *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, n°82, 2016, p. 392-408.
- Novarina Gilles. Ville diffuse et système du vert / Edge cities and green spaces. In: Revue de géographie alpine, tome 91, n°4, 2003. Les agriculteurs dans la cité. pp. 9-17.

**Session 8 : *Shadow Cities: The Dark Side of Urban Governance* (Thomas Aguilera) – 16 March 2021**

Group presentation : « *Urban informality in European Cities : practices, conflicts, regulation* »

Readings :

- Aguilera, T. (2017), « Racialization of informal settlements, de-politicization of squatting and everyday resistances in French slums », in Chattopadhyay S. et Mudu P. (dir.), *Migrations, squatting and radical autonomy*, Routledge, p. 130-142.
- Chiodelli F. (2019), « The Dark Side of Urban Informality in The Global North : Housing Illegality and Organized Crime in Northern Italy », *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 497-516.
- Martinez M. (2016), « Squatters and Migrants in Madrid : Interactions, Contexts and Cycles », *Urban Studies*, 1-18.
- Rivke J. & M. Koster (2019), « The Myth of Formality in the Global North : Informality-as-Innovation in Dutch Governance », *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 563-568.

**Session 10: *The Territorial Politics of Pandemics* (Thomas Aguilera) – 23 March 2021**

Group presentation: “*The territorial Politics of Pandemics in Global Cities: What can we learn about cities from the Pandemic, what can learn about cities from the Pandemic ?*”

Readings :

- Cezar Guzman-Concha (2020), “When the pandemic meets the insurrection. Santiago, Chile”, in *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* ([online](#)).
- Creighton Connolly, Roger Keil, S. Harris Ali (2021), “Extended Urbanization and the spatialities of infectious disease: demographic change, infrastructure and governance”, in *Urban Studies*, vol. 58 (2), p. 245-263.
- Roger Keil, S. Harris Ali (2016), “[Global Cities and the Spread of Infectious Disease: the case of SARS in Toronto, Canada](#)”, in *Urban Studies*, vol. 43,n°3, p. 491-509.

